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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting via WebEx

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [87](#)

**BY** Ciccone, Murray, Bell, DiPalma, Cano, Euer, Gallo

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER {LC850/1} (Requires that only certified nurse-teachers may be employed as school nurses in elementary and secondary schools.)

01/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [791](#)

**BY** Goodwin, Quezada, Bell, Mack, Ciccone

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES {LC2611/1} (Requires the department of health to promulgate rules and regulations by January 1, 2022 for the licensing and operation of health centers operating in elementary and secondary schools.)

04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [355](#)

**BY** Quezada, Pearson

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC1340/1} (Requires the department of education to create a model policy and timeline to assist local education agencies in implementing a dual language immersion program.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [457](#)

**BY** Ciccone, Euer, Calkin, Acosta, Valverde, Bell

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE WORLD LANGUAGE AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT {LC1262/1} (Establishes and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [814](#)**

**BY Quezada, Ciccone, Cano**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILITERACY SEAL {LC2673/1}

(Allows high school students receiving state Silver/Gold Seal of Biliteracy to earn 2 to 4 semesters of college credit toward minor/major in language at public university/community college if requested within 3 yrs. after high school graduation.)

04/08/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [88](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Bell, Paolino, Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardo**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS

GENERALLY - SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE {LC453/1} (Allows teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.)

01/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Resolution No. [205](#)**

**BY Picard, Quezada, Cano, Lawson, Anderson**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC1057/1} (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education and provide judicial enforcement of this provision.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [217](#)**

**BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Felag, Cano, Gallo**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STAFFING {LC1441/1} (Requires all

public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [282](#)**

**BY Quezada, Cano, Calkin, Kallman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

{LC1329/1} (Provides students attending public schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a students' bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [352](#)**

**BY DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Goldin, Cano, Mack, Bell**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC1413/1} (Provides that therapies and behavioral health services would be deemed essential special services that need to be provided to students with disabilities during times of a declared state of emergency.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [454](#)**

**BY Murray, DiPalma, Valverde**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC1539/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island ombudsperson for special education to ensure school districts meet the minimum standards required to comply with an individualized education program for students with disabilities.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [458](#)**

**BY Mack, Bell, Quezada, Acosta, Kallman, Calkin, Anderson, DiMario, Valverde, Lawson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AFRICAN HERITAGE HISTORY EDUCATION {LC2232/1} (Requires implementation of education courses in African American history in elementary and secondary schools in Rhode Island commencing in the 2022-2023 school year.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [464](#)**

**BY Lawson, Euer, Cano, Sosnowski, Murray, Seveney, Miller, Kallman, Quezada, F Lombardi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CLIMATE LITERACY ACT {LC2264/1} (Implements literacy of climate change for all students enrolled in public schools or other schools managed and controlled by the state in kindergarten through twelve (K-12).)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [701](#)**

**BY Archambault, Miller, Burke, DiMario, Valverde, Paolino**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2411/1} (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.)

03/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [757](#)**

**BY Cano, Quezada, Seveney, Kallman, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Lawson, Murray, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - EDUCATION - PSYCHOLOGISTS {LC2275/1} (Creates minimum qualifications for school psychologists and establishes the scope of their practice within schools and establishes state support for school-based mental health services)**

04/01/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [463](#)**

**BY Mack, Kallman, Acosta, Bell, Calkin, Anderson, DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Miller ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC851/1} (Requires courses in family life or sex education be taught in grades 6 -12 and be appropriate for students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.)**

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to: [slegislation@rilegislature.gov](mailto:slegislation@rilegislature.gov)

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: [VERBAL TESTIMONY](#)

**\*Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.**

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